



Ronald E. Bouley

Ronald E. Bouley Is Accepted At Wentworth Institute

Ronald E. Bouley of 353 River Road, an Agawam High School senior, has been accepted for admission to Wentworth Institute in Boston for the 1968-69 academic year according to an announcement by Dr. H. Russell Beatty, Wentworth president.

Wentworth, which trains industrial and engineering technicians in a 2-year program leading to a Certificate or Associate in Engineering degree, is the largest accredited and endowed technical institute in the United States.

BOY SCOUTS ANNUAL DINNER JAN. 31

The annual Scouting Recognition Dinner of the Pioneer Valley Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 1968, in the Springfield Municipal Auditorium. John F. Moriarty, chairman of the committee on arrangements stated that about a thousand Scouting and their wives are expected to attend the annual event.

The feature of the evening will be the awarding of five Silver Beavers to Scouting of the local council for outstanding service to boyhood. The Silver Beaver award is the highest that can be bestowed by the local council. Only two other awards are made of greater significance - the Silver Antelope for outstanding service on a Regional basis and the National award, the Silver Buffalo.

The awards program will feature recognitions of new Eagle Scouts and the presentation of Arrowhead Honors, Scouting and Den Mother's Awards and the Scouter's Key for excellence in training achievement.

Speaker of the evening will be Admiral John F. Hines, president of American International College, a former member of the executive board of the local council.

Dudley DeGrace, Eagle Scout of Troop 22 of Springfield, will be presented with a certificate for heroism on the program.

The committee on arrangements consists of Moriarty as chairman, Charles M. Healey, Jr., Harris M. Tanner and J. Walter Reardon, all members of the executive board.

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Att'y. General Announces Crackdown On Employers For Failure To Pay Taxes

Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson stated today that a statewide crackdown will result in prosecution of 399 complaints against 35 employers, charging them with failure or refusal to pay taxes totaling \$67,022.61, under the provisions of the Employment Security Law.

The attorney general stated that the continued prosecution of cases wherein employers fail to pay taxes has resulted in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said that we cannot stand by idly while this practice of failing to pay taxes continues. It creates an unfair hardship on all other employers throughout the Commonwealth.

In many of the cases that will be presented to the court, the employers have been warned repeatedly but have failed to heed the warning. In some five instances, prior complaints have been brought against the same employers. The attorney general will seek stricter compliance with the law and will request more severe penalties be imposed at the time of the presentation and trial of the cases. It is felt that this will result in a greater degree of compliance by employers, who will then hesitate to flaunt the law.

Unemployment insurance tax evasion cases are referred to the state's chief legal officer by the Division of Employment Security after regular methods of collecting the taxes have failed. The attorney general's office then makes further attempts to obtain payment of overdue taxes from delinquent employers. If this fails, criminal procedures are then initiated.

More than 107,000 Massachusetts employers pay taxes into the unemployment compensation fund from which benefits are paid to persons involuntarily out of work. Interstate arrangements are maintained with the administrators of unemployment insurance in all of the other 49 states in order to handle claims throughout the country.

Attorney General Richardson said that persons laid off by these employers, against whom complaints will be sought, collected unemployment insurance benefits totaling \$34,099.00 during the period in which their employers failed to pay the tax.

The communities in which the firms are located and the number in each area are as follows: Boston 4, Lynn 4, Watertown 3, Peabody 2, Worcester 2, Braintree 2, Brockton 2, Newton 2, Holyoke 1, Malden 1, Westwood 1, Medfield 1, Lowell 1, Hanson

1, Bedford 1, Shrewsbury 1, Stoneham 1, Cambridge 1, Rockland 1, Chestnut Hill 1, Winthrop 1, Quincy 1, Framingham 1.

All cases will be presented in the Boston Municipal Court and will be assigned for prosecution to Assistant Attorneys General Joseph S. Ayoub and Hartley Cutter.

Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson further stated that criminal prosecutions made in the past have resulted in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes to the Division of Employment Security and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The attorney general said the Boston prosecutions are part of a continuing statewide drive against unemployment tax dodgers.

Sgt. Kruger Completes Course

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. - Sergeant Randall L. Kruger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruger of 63 Florida Drive, Agawam, Mass., has been graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the training course for U.S. Air Force flight engineers.

Sergeant Kruger, a 1963 graduate of Agawam High School, is being assigned to Westover AFB, Mass., for duty with the Continental Air Command.

Novak Is Air Force Graduate

SAN ANGELO, Tex. - Airman First Class Carl P. Novak, son of Mrs. Valeria M. Novak of 1172 Main St., Agawam, Mass., has been graduated at Goodfellow AFB, Tex., from the training course for U.S. Air Force communications analysts specialists.

Airman Novak, a graduate of Agawam Senior High School, attended Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnical Institute and American International College in Springfield, Mass. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

D.P.W. Suggests Overloading Restrictions

Before the public's memory of the tragic collapse of the West Virginia-Ohio Bridge over the Ohio River fades, the fact should be stressed that motorists contribute to the potential of future such disasters by overloading existing structures, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works explains.

Many of the bridges throughout the Commonwealth are posted for restricted loadings and unposted bridges theoretically are limited to the legal loads cited in the General Laws.

Bridges limited for 10-ton loads have carried 15-tons and more without visible damage. However, it is a scientific fact that such overloading creates overstress and metal fatigue that eventually can result in a collapse. Seldom is there visible evidence of such damage to the structure.

In the interest of public safety, the overloading of bridges must be checked. Most motorists and truckers will cooperate. Flagrant overloading by the irresponsible can be stopped by assessing the penalties for bridge overloading prescribed by current laws.

Higher Federal Minimum Wages On February 1st

Business firms were reminded today that the minimum wages set by the Fair Labor Standards Act go up on February 1, 1968. The reminder came from Stanley C. Wollaston, regional director of the New England Regional Office of the U. S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

Wollaston pointed out that the minimum for most covered workers advanced to \$1.60 an hour from \$1.40. The remaining covered employees will be entitled to \$1.15 an hour minimum, instead of the present \$1.

Workers who will be due the \$1.60 minimum are those engaged in employment which was covered before the Act was amended in 1966. Included are employees individually engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce, or employed in certain large enterprises. They are also due time and one-half their regular rate after 40 hours a week.

The \$1.15 minimum will apply to workers made subject to the Act by the 1966 amendments. Wollaston said these include employees of large hotels, motels, and restaurants; workers in laundries and dry cleaning establishments; employees of hospitals and nursing homes, whether public or private; and more retail and service employees. Wollaston emphasized that this is only a partial list of the kinds of workers covered by the 1966 amendments. He added that their minimum would increase by 15 cents every year until \$1.60 an hour is reached on February 1, 1971.

Also, beginning February 1, 1968, workers covered by the 1966 amendments will be due time and one-half after 42 hours a week, instead of the present 44 hours. They become subject to the 40-hour week on February 1, 1969.

However, some covered workers are exempt from the pay provisions, Wollaston noted. For example, covered hotel, motel, and restaurant employees are exempt from overtime. Employees of a retail or service enterprise are exempt from both the minimum wage and overtime provisions if the enterprise grosses less than \$500,000 a year. Similarly exempt are employees of an individual retail or service establishment that grosses less than \$250,000 yearly, even though it may be a part of a covered enterprise grossing more than \$500,000 yearly. The \$500,000 test will be reduced to \$250,000 on February 1, 1969.

Wollaston said that questions about the Fair Labor Standards Act would be answered at 293 Bridge Street, Room 400, Springfield, Massachusetts 01103 - Phone: 781-2420

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Lawrence A. Scherpa

Scherpa Initiated Into Iota, Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi

Lawrence A. Scherpa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Scherpa of 24 Tower Terrace, Agawam, Mass., has been initiated into the Iota, Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

Kappa Delta Pi is a national honor society in education. To be elected to membership a candidate must meet high standards of scholarship and professional promise and must also have twelve hours in education within four college years.

Scherpa is a graduate of Agawam High School, Class of 1965 and is a junior at Westfield State College.

TOURISTS GET "SECOND RATE" HOSPITALITY

BOSTON - Massachusetts is providing "second-rate hospitality" at its \$100,000 tourist information center on the Massachusetts Turnpike at Sturbridge. The Automobile Legal Association charged today.

Philip C. Wallwork, ALA executive, said that the facility should be closed "until the state can provide adequately for visitors who stop there."

Wallwork said the facility, opened to travelers last July 1, still does not have a stick of furniture in it.

"On top of that," he said, "there are no rest rooms in the building and tourists can't even get a drink of water at a water cooler. Even the attendants have to leave the building and go elsewhere if they want a drink of water."

"Every other state that we know of provides comfortable furniture for tourists to relax, rest rooms, cooling refreshments, water fountains and a warm, pleasant atmosphere. Massachusetts gives guests a cold, bare room," the ALA official said.

"If the state doesn't have the ability, or money, to keep up with the other states in this field, the facility should be closed," he said.

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Automobile Insurance Compensation

Bill Is Filed With Legislature

Legislation proposing to provide compensation to those injured in automobile accidents in a manner similar to what is provided for those injured in industrial accidents has been filed by Representative David H. Locke (R-Wellesley). This bill will provide for competitive rates and furnish more realistic protection at premiums as much as 50% lower than are presently charged.

It provides for compensation in proportion to the economic loss of the injured party, in the same manner and to the same extent that Workmen's Compensation insurance has provided financial protection for the past fifty years for those who have been injured in employment.

Although it does not pay for pain and suffering it does provide that those who wish to recover for pain and suffering may do so at common law by waiving the guaranteed compensation benefits. The injured person can elect to have one or the other, but not both.

The present Compulsory Automobile Insurance law has been on our statute books for over forty years and for several years there

has been considerable debate about the cost of automobile insurance. The numerous debates on automobile insurance premiums and on merit and demerit rating plans and on experience rating plans of various sorts have been so great that they have pushed into the background the original purpose of the Compulsory Automobile Insurance law.

We have lost sight of the fact that this law was put on the books to provide compensation to the victims of automobile accidents, that it was designed primarily for the person of limited means, a person to whom expensive hospitalization and medical care and substantial loss of income would bring suffering, not only to him, but also to his wife and dependent children. The Compulsory Automobile Insurance law has failed to do that which inspired its proponents to draft a Compulsory Automobile Insurance law.

This bill follows to the extent applicable, the provisions of our Workmen's Compensation Act. In drafting this bill in this manner, said veteran insurance man Walter S. Attridge of Needham, "I borrowed the applicable provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act because the reasons that inspired the original Compulsory Automobile Insurance law were practically the

same reasons that inspired the Workmen's Compensation Act."

The proponents of the Compulsory Automobile Insurance law had the expressed view that a system was needed whereby a person who was injured in an automobile accident would be compensated by insurance. In the solution, we fell into a compulsory tort system. This has failed to protect the person who cannot finance himself through a long and expensive court process and yet it is that person whom the Compulsory Automobile law was primarily intended to protect.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, except for willful misconduct, provides that the injured person shall have medical and hospitalization bills paid as incurred and that each week during his disability he shall be paid a compensation sufficient to protect him and his family from economic starvation. While there are statutory limitations on the amount which shall be paid, on the more serious accidents the amount payable is greater than is provided under Compulsory Automobile Insurance. For example, under a compensation system a man who leaves a widow and four children ranging in age from four to eleven years of age would have his family receive over \$50,000., plus all hospital and medical expenses, whereas under the present law his widow and children would receive \$5,000., out of which they would have to pay the hospital and medical expenses.

Compensation on a no-fault basis for automobile accidents is similar to compensation on a no-fault basis for industrial accidents. Sixty years ago the Massachusetts Legislature recognized that the relationship between labor and industry had reached the point that the employer had a responsibility to protect from economic harm his employees who were injured in the course of their employment.

Social progress has advanced us to the place that there is a similar obligation between the person who has been given the privilege of operating an automobile on our highways and the person who is injured because of the granting of that privilege. Mr. Attridge went on to say "It makes no economic difference to a working man whether he is injured in an automobile accident or in an industrial accident. The food for his family, their clothing and shelter, his medical and hospital expenses, are all the same regardless of how the injury occurred. It is proper, therefore, since the cost of the injury is the same, the compensation should also be the same."

The bill would set up within the Division of Insurance a Division of Motor Vehicle Accidents to administer the provisions of the bill. The procedures of administration follows the procedures as outlined in the law for the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act. "This will insure prompt, equitable and effi-

cient treatment of the injured person in a manner similar to the administration of the Workmen's Compensation procedures which has been operating effectively and satisfactorily over the past fifty years. It is a case where we borrow from experience and in this case we borrow from good experience," said Mr. Attridge.

The average claim for Workmen's Compensation is only one-half of that for Compulsory Automobile Insurance. It, therefore, follows that automobile insurance premiums can also be reduced one-half under an automobile compensation system. This can be accomplished while at the same time providing for adequate payments in quicker and similar fashion and beyond the \$5,000. limitation which applies today.

fun for everyone
SQUARE DANCE

This Friday night, January 26th, Agawam's own Al Bessette will step to the microphone to lead the festivities. Al, who is the Promenaders' regular caller, will be making his first appearance this year. The time: 8:00 p.m. The place: Robinson Park School on Begley Street. Refreshments: by the Mushrushes. Fun: for everyone.

Coming up in two weeks will be the club's annual potluck supper. The committee is hard at work preparing the menu and making arrangements for the feast! After the banquet the regular square dance will be held with special guest caller Walt Swan from Rhode Island.

The Promenaders are pleased to announce their third banner of the season earned for visiting another club. This time it was the West Springfield Club who played host and a good time was had by all. The club wishes to thank all those members who attended.

Conte Seeks Amendment of Immigration, Nationality Act

Washington, D. C. . . Congressman Silvio O. Conte (R. Mass.) today introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to amend Section 319 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This section presently provides that the spouse of an American citizen who has completed three years of legal residence in this country and has been married to an American citizen for a period of three years, is eligible to become a citizen of the United States rather than waiting the five-year period for non-spouses.

The bill introduced by Conte makes certain changes in these requirements in cases involving the widow of a United States citizen whose husband has died during a period of honorable service in an active duty status with the Armed Forces of the United States. In such cases the widow will qualify for naturalization as, if immediately preceding the date of filing her petition for naturalization she has resided continuously, after being lawfully admitted for permanent residence, within the United States for at least three years and if she has lived in marital union with her spouse from the time of their marriage until his death and if she has resided in her state of petition for at least six months.

The inequity of the present Section 319 was brought to the congressman's attention recently with the death of one of his con-

stituents in combat in Vietnam. This resulted in a changed status for his widow who was due to be sworn in under Section 319 as a citizen a few weeks later, but who was no longer qualified for citizenship because of her husband's death, according to the determination of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"I do not believe that a result such as this was actually intended by the Immigration and Nationality Act," Conte stated, "and I am therefore introducing this legislation to rectify the situation."

"It certainly would be a tragic situation," Conte continued, "to have a woman denied citizenship in this country solely because her husband was killed while fighting in the service of our nation."

Conte earlier this week introduced a private bill dealing with the specific case in his district which first brought this matter to his attention.

JR. WOMEN VALENTINE
BALL WILL BE FEB. 10

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual dinner dance at St. Anne's Country Club on Saturday evening, Feb. 10. Theme will be a semi-formal Valentine Ball, opened to members and their guests. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30, dinner will be served at 7:30.

Mrs. Franklin Stoll, chairman, has announced that all reservations should be made with her at 70 Stewart Lane, by Jan. 27. All checks should be made out to the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Exchange Transfusion Used Successfully In Mass. 2 Yrs. Ago

The technique of exchange transfusion used to help correct liver failure in Mike Kasperak, the heart transplant patient in Palo Alto, California, was first attempted successfully in an adult in Boston at St. Elizabeth's Hospital by a team supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Heart Association.

At the time, as reported in the New England Journal of Medicine for March 3, 1966, the procedure was used to save the life of a young physician in an advanced stage of liver failure who was not responding to the standard therapy then being used. The team, headed by Dr. Robert L. Berger, director of cardiac surgery, decided to try the exchange transfusion as a last resort as indicated by the gravity of the patient's condition. A second transfusion was done twenty-four hours after the first, and signs of recovery became apparent during the next two days. The patient's progress thereafter was excellent, and he is now fully recovered.

In this procedure, a total exchange of blood is made according to a carefully regulated time schedule. In the process, the toxic agents responsible for the liver failure are removed. Similar total exchange transfusions have been done successfully for some years with Rh-incompatible infants, but this was the first instance of its being used in adults.

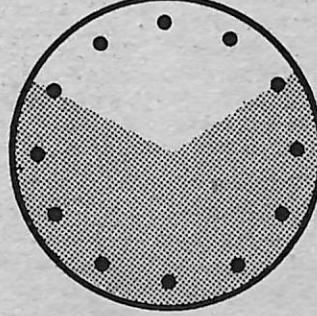
Since then this technique has been used both at St. Elizabeth's and elsewhere on a very limited basis, but is still considered a measure of last resort. A great deal more study must be undertaken both with the technique itself and with the other measures used in conjunction with it, according to Dr. Berger and his associates, before it can be applicable in any but the most serious cases.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: shel, mac, w/mt, & tom, sc., but, grn, bns., Vienna b&b, slic, peach; TUES.: ju, piz, w/ chse, & tom, sc., cab. & car, sal, brwn, apl; WED.: ju, gril, hmbrg, on but, roll, on, rings, chse, fng., whole kern, crn, white ck, w/fudg, sc.; THURS.: ju, rst, bf, in brwn, grv, mash, pot, but, car., hot but, crnbd., pnapl, tdbt; FRI.: ju, oven frd, fish stix (catsup), fluf, rice, but, veg., pean, but, /mash, sand., spic, ck.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON.: chick, rice sp, w/tom., chop, mt, sal, sand, car, stix, chse, cube, slic, peach; TUES.: gril, frkfrt, swt, pot, cas., but, grn, bns., chse, or pean, but, sand, tut, frt, pud; WED.: orng, ju, bf, veg, stew, cel, stix, chse, muf, b&b, spic, frt, ck, w/top.; THURS.: bak, mac, w/ hmbrg, & tom, but, mix, veg., but, Vienna bd, aplsc.; FRI.: orng, ju, tunap, cas., but, car., b&b, pean, but, cook.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON.: shel, mac, w/mt, & tom, sc., but, grn, bns., chse, wedg., rye b&b, slic, peach; TUES.: tom, rice sp, w/veg, slic, mt, sand, car, stix, chew, pean, but, bars; WED.: ju, hmbrg, and but, roll, cole slaw w/grn, pep., aplsc, ck, w/top.; THURS.: mash, pot, but, grn, peas, pean, but, on rye, cit, frt, cup; FRI.: bak, veal lf, pars, but, pot, frt, slaw sal., pean, but, on rye, blbry, ck, w/top.; FRI.: bak, mac, w/chse, tos, grn, sal, w/French dres., but, Vienna bd, apric.

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Blood Fractions-A
Friendly Invasion

A quiet invasion of Massachusetts is taking place which few of its citizens know about, even when it reaches them. The invading army last year consisted of over 144,852 units of three blood fractions, some of the miracle-workers of modern medicine, which were shipped in to the state by the American National Red Cross.

"The story of whole blood and its life-sustaining uses is well-known," Mr. Samuel G. Simons, Red Cross fund chairman for Massachusetts said today in Springfield. "Few people know, however, about the distribution of the blood fractions, or derivatives, which are separated from whole blood in the laboratory and used as powerful medicines."

In a March educational and fund campaign report, Mr. Simons listed three blood fractions distributed to hospitals and physicians throughout the state from Red Cross blood centers in 19 cities. These fractions, supplied for emergencies to those eligible under the Red Cross Blood Program or given to patients unable to pay the cost of commercial blood products, are produced from the small percentage of whole blood which remains unused for 21 days after it has been donated by volunteers at the 56 Red Cross blood centers throughout the country. Supplies of the fractions are sent to every state.

The best known and most widely used of these blood elements, Mr. Simons reported, is gamma globulin. The Red Cross distributed 26,328 one-milliliter

units in Massachusetts during the past fiscal year. An infection-fighting element, gamma globulin is used primarily to prevent or modify measles and infectious hepatitis. This is one of the blood fractions (the other is serum albumin) now being supplied by Red Cross to the Department of Defense from special donations made by college students. It is also given to patients whose bodies fail to produce enough gamma globulin of their own to fight infections.

Mr. Simons cited from Red Cross records, as an example of its use, the case of Eddie V., age six, who had been ill almost continuously for five years with a series of minor diseases before doctors were able to confirm his case as hypo-gamma-globulinemia, a condition difficult to diagnose. It was discovered just in time to help him fight exposure a few days earlier to the streptococcus germ which causes rheumatic fever. Without immediate injections of gamma globulin there was danger that he would contract the disease which would have confined him to bed for a long period and could have caused permanent damage to his heart.

Eddie entered first grade with his friends. He is a healthy and happy child today because he visits the doctor regularly for injections of the blood fraction he must have to fight infections. The Red Cross reserves a cost-free year's supply for him every year at his doctor's request, until his body is able to produce its own gamma globulin. Eddie's case is one of many in the Red Cross files, each one indicating a year's dosage of gamma globulin reserved for an individual patient.

A second important blood derivative is serum albumin, used to combat shock from burns and other injuries and to treat certain kidney diseases. In Massachusetts during the last fiscal year, 5,793 hundred-milliliter units produced from outdated blood supplied by regular donors were distributed for civilian use.

The third derivative listed by Mrs. Simons is fibrinogen, which is used to control severe bleeding, mainly in childbirth cases. State wide distribution totaled 87 two-gram units last year.

The Red Cross also distributes packed red blood cells and fresh frozen plasma to meet specific medical needs, and a special kind of gamma globulin called vaccinia immune globulin, or VIG. VIG, so rare that it must be obtained by the physician through direct request to Red Cross medical advisors, is developed from blood donated on military bases by recruits recently vaccinated against smallpox.

Its dramatic effects are demonstrated by the case of nine-month old July F. It began on the day when Mrs. F. took Judy's five-year old brother, Tommy, to the doctor for a smallpox vaccination before he entered kindergarten. When they got home, Mrs. F. put the children in the playroom while she prepared dinner. The next morning there was a blemish on the baby's eyelid which rapidly grew worse. She took Judy to the doctor, who diagnosed it as a reaction from smallpox vaccine picked up from Tommy's arm. Quick action was needed to stop the reaction before it damaged or blinded the baby's right eye. The doctor sent his tiny patient to the local hospital and called the nearest Red Cross medical consultant.

Vaccinia immune globulin was rushed to the hospital from the nearest Red Cross blood center by state police, and within hours

of its first administration improvement was seen. Judy recovered completely within a week.

At Red Cross research laboratories such as the one where VIG was developed, doctors and technicians are seeking new blood fractions and new uses for those already in use. They are looking also for simpler and more effective methods of handling and developing blood products and whole blood.

At the Red Cross center in Los Angeles, files are kept of the names and locations of people with rare blood types, some of them types so rare that fewer than ten people in the entire U.S. are known to have them. At a moment's notice, machines at this center can select the names of donors needed for a patient with one of these blood types. A few telephone calls send the donors on their way to the nearest blood center or hospital, from which the Red Cross speeds the blood to the patient.

"These services," concludes Mr. Simons' report, "are the extras of a nation-wide Red Cross Blood Program which collects nearly three million pints of blood each year from volunteer donors and supplies approximately 63 per cent of the whole blood collected annually outside hospitals in the United States. What makes it all possible, without any Red Cross charge to the patient -- except processing costs unrelated to the product itself -- is the army of volunteer donors who visit the blood centers and bloodmobiles again and again, the other the army of volunteer workers who staff the blood centers and bloodmobiles, and the millions of Americans who contribute to their local chapters -- through March independent campaigns or United Fund -- the dollars needed to support these and other Red Cross services.

To meet growing needs, the Red Cross needs more doctors, more volunteers, and more dollars each year."

Atwater & Lauriente Nurseries
To Be Represented at Confab

Several AGAWAM nurseries are members of the New England Nurserymen's Association which will hold its 57th annual convention at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in Boston on February 6-8.

The three-day parley will be highlighted by an Educational Day program, election of officers, and visits to allied trade exhibits in the hotel.

The conference will get underway on Tuesday (Feb. 6) at 2:30 when Reuben Lebeaux of Shrewsbury, association president, will deliver the annual report following the morning registration and luncheon. The afternoon program will include presentation of the annual committee reports.

Wednesday will be devoted to an Education Day program. Morning speaker will be Sidney B. Hutton, Jr. of West Grove, Pa., past president of American Association of Nurserymen and a member of U.S. Department of Commerce's beautification committee.

The afternoon program will include a speech by Robert F. Lederer, executive vice-president of AAN, and panel discussions on the topic "Extended Seasons for More Profit."

Thursday's program will include a business session with election of officers and committee reports. Wayne H. Dickson, AAN director of public relations.

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will speak on the "AAN Public Relations Program."

More than 250 leading tree, plant, and shrub horticulturists will be represented at the session. The organization is affiliated with the American Association of Nurserymen and accounts for \$24,000,000 of shrubs and trees annually in the New England area.

The local nurseries are Atwater Nursery, Inc. of 368 South St., and Lauriente Nurseries, Inc. of 464 Main St., run by President Lorenzo J. Loriente.

Senator Hammond Vows To
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WESTFIELD — State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield, whose appointment as a member of the Taxation Committee was recently announced, said today "I certainly will give close consideration to any measures which would increase the burden of the taxpayers, and particularly any proposals that would put the residents of Western Massachusetts in the position of supporting facilities intended solely for the city of Boston."

Senator Hammond said there has been an increasing presentation of bills in recent years that would put the entire state in the position of supporting "the burdens of Boston, and this is not the purpose for which taxation was intended."

"Expenditures by the Commonwealth must be for the benefit of all of the people, or certainly for great numbers of them," he said, "and as a member of the Taxation Committee it will be my goal to see that this concept is carried out."

Senator Hammond, who previously served a two-year term on the Taxation Committee, also has been named to the ways and means committee, the committee on insurance and the committee on public service.

WESTFIELD — State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield has filed a bill which would exempt from the sales tax books sold in book stores located in or owned by educational institutions.

"I do not believe that the students of the Commonwealth should have to face this additional tax expense," Senator Hammond said.

The Hampden-Berkshire District legislator observed that students are required to spend relatively large sums for their textbooks and other reference material, and that most of these books are purchased at book stores operated by educational institutions or on the campus.

"The state tax in these cases can work a hardship," Senator Hammond said, "particularly with students who are attending college on a scholarship or who are working their way through school."

He said he considers his bill a "beneficial refinement" of the state's sales tax.

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At one time, floral bouquets were inspired by classic beauty, and the overall shape emphasized symmetry and straight lines. Today, in direct contrast, we gather mixed arrangements—and bou-

Not only can you send flowers-by-wire to Spain, but your six bucks will also get them to Austria, Denmark, Holland and even to New Zealand! The Spaniards love bouquets of pomegranates (La Granada), a national emblem to them.

And what flower MUST you include in a French "cocktail bouquet" if you want to impress your own Fair Lady?

It's a bloomin' world, to be sure, and some of these little-known-facts about flowers around the globe may surprise you!

Have you ever pulled off the white petal-like parts of a daisy to find out whether somebody "loved you or loved you not?" Well, if you have, those parts you pulled off weren't petals; each one of them was a flower! Daisies also make France's cocktail bouquet something special. The custom is to send a cocktail bouquet with the various flowers in season at the time—but never forget the daisy!

And who'll ever forget "forget-me-nots" in bouquets? Certainly not lovers. These tiny blue flowers with yellow centers are often combined with buttercups. It's said that American and Canadian children love to receive bouquets of buttercups; they hold these golden "chalices" close under the chins of friends to tell by the reflection whether or not they like butter!

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tive flowers in traditional religious and social observances: the symbolic LEI (garland), the leaf-decked LUAUS (feasts), and flowered dress of hula dancers are just a few examples.

Phillipine LEIS, with their pink, yellow and white plumeria flowers, express welcome to friends on arrival and bon voyage on departure.

Tahitian bouquets say "peace." Eloquently spoken, their bouquets are adorned with water lilies balanced by Tahitian spinach leaves.

Lotus bouquets to a Japanese hostess mean one thing—fertility—while lotus blossoms strewed at her guests' feet mean something else: "forget home and friends and remain forever where you are now."

Do you know what the national flower of England is? The rose! And you can find your own "Eliza," for the flower girls in London still carry their bouquets in the street—and you might expect them to burst into "All I Want Is a Room Somewhere" and start dancing down the sidewalk.

Africans take to bouquets of magnificent, vivid colors, like the scarlet flowers from African tulip trees. On the other hand, the Dutch love bulbs such as tulips and irises because they symbolize the land's reclamation from the sea.

Workshops will cover four distinct phases of the PTA program, with each workshop directed by a leader in that field. Mrs. Freyda Siegel of Needham Heights, chairman of Parent and Family Life Education, will conduct a discussion group on "Parent Education" that will be taped and available for later use by the various PTA units throughout the state.

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us concentrate on four categories of PTA concern that seem among the most important: financing public education, planning education for a changing society, strengthening community services, and giving vitality to the moral and ethical values to which citizenship in a free, democratic society commits us."

He who has wealth has hope, and he who has hope has everything.—Arabian Proverb.

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.—Samuel Johnson

Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court To all persons interested in the estate of LUCILLE McMAHON late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, intestate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell — at private sale — certain real estate of said deceased.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court of Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of February 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of January 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court To all persons interested in the estate of RALPH L. MULDREW otherwise RALPH LOUIS SMITH MULDREW late of Agawam, in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by OLIVER R. MULDREW of said Agawam praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of February 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court To all persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE E. PRENTISS late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

The special administrator of the estate of said CATHERINE E. PRENTISS has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the ninth day of February 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of January 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

Jan. 11, 18, 25

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court To all persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE H. CARLTON of Agawam, in said County, a person under conservatorship.

The conservator of the property of said CATHERINE H. CARLTON has presented to said Court his third account for allowance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of February 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

Jan. 11, 18, 25

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court To all persons interested in the estate of MELINA D. CARDONE late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, testate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell — at private sale — certain real estate of said deceased, and that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said real estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the second day of February 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of January 1968.

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